

APPROVED iV 8/26/2010

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee was held on Thursday, August 12, 2010 at the Cumberland High School Auditorium, 2600 Mendon Road, Cumberland, Rhode Island.

Agenda Item #1: Chairman Convenes Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Costa at 7:35 p.m.

Members Present: Lisa Beaulieu, Donald Costa, Brian Kelly, Jeff Mutter, Ryan Pearson, Dan Pedro, Earl Wood.

Staff Present: Donna A. Morelle, Ed.D., Superintendent, Joseph A. Rotella, Esq., Director of Administration, Alex Prignano, Business Manager, Dr. Lisa Colwell, Director of Special Services, Fred Schockaert, Dep. Director of Special Services.

Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Agenda

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Mr. Pearson, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #4: Chairperson's Report

No report at this time.

Agenda Item #5: Superintendent's Report on Teaching and Learning
Dr. Morelle reported that on August 16, 2010 administrators will return to the schools and principals, assistant principals, etc. Also, the district is still recruiting for the two principal positions one at McCourt Middle School and one at Garvin Memorial School. Dr. Morelle also noted that the School Choice Letters are due back by 8/19/10 at 3 p.m. these letters were sent to families at B.F. Norton and Ashton Schools and would allow students to transfer to Community, Garvin or Cumberland Hill Elementary Schools if they choose to. Facilities and transportation issues are still being resolved and Dr. Morelle was advised by Sodexo that the schools are 85 to 90% prepared for the beginning of school. The Technology Department is continuing to update the hardware and software for the new Aspen system they are also doing training. The Back to School Celebration will be held at B.F. Norton Elementary School on 8/21/10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cumberland students will receive free school supplies and backpacks donated by several local vendors.

Agenda Item #6: Comments from the Public

Abigail D. commented that she was upset about not having

Interscholastic Sports in the middle school. She stated that she was more organized because of sports ¡V she knew she had to do homework and do well in school to participate in sports, so she made time for both. She hopes that the sports get funded ¡V it is a positive impact for the entire student body.

Agenda Item #7: Reports of Standing Committees

Mr. Kelly stated that the finance committee met earlier in the evening and that they had two payment registers, one for \$126,821.42 related to the 2010-2011 budget and one for \$1,316,291.01 related to the 2009-2010 budget for a total of \$1,443,112.43 ¡V voted 2-0 to move this to the full committee for payment approval ¡V this motion made by Mr. Kelly, 2nd by Mr. Pearson, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #8: Approval of Minutes

Mr. Pearson made a motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of 7/15/10 and Special Meeting Minutes of 7/22/10, 2nd by Lisa Beaulieu, approved 7-0.

Mr. Pearson made a motion to table the Executive Session Minutes of 7/7/10, 7/22/10 and 7/27/10, 2nd by Mr. Wood, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #9: Approval of Minutes

Mr. Pearson made a motion to table the Executive Session Minutes of 7/7/10, 7/15/10, 7/22/10 and 7/27/10, 2nd by Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Beaulieu, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #10: New Business

A. Middle School Sports Booster Club Presentation ¡V Laura M. presented details regarding this club. It is a group of parents and coaches that organized on 8/2/10. They have created fundraising committees, created by-laws and have determined that they will need around \$40,000 for the sports programs this year. They have risen over \$500.00 to date and are planning to hold more fundraisers throughout the year. They are asking the school department to work in conjunction with them ¡V they know they will not raise \$40,000 but are confident that by working with the school department, the two can get this job done. Dr. Morelle commended the parents and coaches on establishing this club. She did note that she has not appointed any middle school coaches and this may cause a slight delay even if the fundraisers pay for the programs. Mr. Costa would like to see some recommendations for coaches at the next meeting. If this occurs, and funds are available, some sports could begin at the end of August.

B. Discussion and/or Vote to Defer Implementation of Transportation Policy Amendments for Walking Distances to the 2011-2012 School Year ¡V Mr. Costa noted that Mr. Mutter is working on the redesign of the Elementary and Middle Schools, so it would not be a good idea to change any walking distances/routes this year ¡V until the changes in the schools are made. With this in mind, a motion was made by Mr. Wood to defer implementation of the transportation walking amendments to the 2011-2012 school years, 2nd by Mr. Mutter and Mrs. Beaulieu. Mr. Kelly noted that there would be about a \$98,000

budgetary impact by waiting until 2011-2012. Mr. Mutter wants to change bus routes one time only so he is in favor of waiting to make any changes. Mrs. Beaulieu feels the same as Mr. Mutter, she does not want to make the changes before they have a chance to review the elementary and middle school proposals so she is also in favor of waiting to make any changes to the routes. Dr. Morelle stated that they will be adding crossing guards and painting new crosswalks and also will be getting middle school and high school students bus passes with I.D.'s with their picture on it. The motion made by Mr. Wood, 2nd by Mr. Mutter and Mrs. Beaulieu, was approved 7-0.

C. Recalls so Dr. Morelle requested the following recalls:

I recommend that the action taken by the school committee on February 11, 2010

not to renew the employment of the following for the 2010-2011 school year,

be rescinded:

so Vanessa Molloy, (#168), recall to the position of World Language Teacher at Cumberland High School, effective 8/12/2010.

so Isabel Claro, (#182), recall to the position of World Language Teacher at Cumberland High School, effective 8/12/2010.

so Kathryn Amendola, (#204), recall to the position of World Language Teacher at Cumberland High School, effective 8/12/2010.

so Sergio DaCosta, (#226), recall to the position of World Language Teacher at Cumberland High School, effective 8/12/2010.

fâ Mikaela Shorey, (#274), recall to the position of World Language Teacher at Cumberland High School, effective 8/12/2010.

fâ Paul Cournoyer, (#326), recall to the position of World Language Teacher at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School, effective 8/12/2010.

fâ Holly St. Pierre, (#327), recall to the position of World Language Teacher at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School, effective 8/12/2010.

fâ Elizabeth Conley, (#338), recall to the position of World Language Teacher at Cumberland High School, effective 8/12/2010.

Mr. Pearson made a motion to approve the recalls, 2nd by Mr. Wood and Mr. Pedro, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item # 11: Personnel Recommendations

Dr. Morelle asked for the following personnel recommendations:

Retirement

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the retirement of Gail Girolimon, World Language Teacher, at Cumberland High School, effective 8/31/2010.

Mrs. Beaulieu made a motion to approve this retirement, 2nd by Mr. Pearson, approved 7-0.

Resignations

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of Matthew Grochowski, Varsity Football Assistant Coach, at Cumberland High School, effective 8/12/2010.

Mr. Pearson made a motion to approve this resignation, 2nd by Mrs. Beaulieu, approved 7-0.

Leave of Absence

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the FMLA Maternity Leave of Marissa Rodenhiser, Special Educator, at North Cumberland Middle School, effective 9/20/2010 with a return date of 12/6/2010. (Budgeted)

Mr. Pearson made a motion to approve this leave of absence, 2nd by Mrs. Beaulieu, approved 7-0.

Appointments

Department Chairpersons - Cumberland High School

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of Elizabeth Conley, World Language Department Chairperson, at Cumberland High School for the 2010-2011 school year, effective 8/13/2010. (budgeted)

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of Kelly DeMarco, Social Studies Department Chairperson, at Cumberland High School for the 2010-2011 school year, effective 8/13/2010. (budgeted)

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of Faye Enright, English Department Co-Chairperson, at Cumberland High School for the 2010-2011 school year, effective 8/13/2010. (budgeted)

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of Luann Mesick, English Department Co-Chairperson, at Cumberland High School for the 2010-2011 school year, effective 8/13/2010. (budgeted)

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of Suzanne Paquette, Science Department Chairperson, at Cumberland High School for the 2010-2011 school year, effective 8/13/2010. (budgeted)

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of Kristen Ross, Guidance Department Chairperson, at Cumberland High School for the 2010-2011 school year, effective 8/13/2010. (budgeted)

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of Christopher Scott, Mathematics Department Chairperson, at Cumberland High School for the 2010-2011 school year, effective 8/13/2010. (budgeted)

Mr. Pearson made a motion to approve all of the above Department Chairpersons, 2nd by Mrs. Beaulieu, approved 7-0.

System-wide

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of Margaret Wharton, Nurse Supervisor, at System-wide, for the 2010-2011 school year, effective 8/13/2010. (Budgeted)

Mr. Pearson made a motion to approve the above appointment, 2nd by Mrs. Beaulieu, approved 7-0.

Fall Coaches 2010-2011

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of the following coaching positions for the 2010-2011 school year.

Joyce Bonner Girls' Cross Country Head Coach - CHS

Tom Kenwood Boys' Cross Country Head Coach - CHS

Stephani Capone-Bello Varsity Field Hockey Coach - CHS

Terri Hebert Girls' Field Hockey Assistant Coach - CHS

John Jasionowski Tennis Head Coach - CHS

Linda Deacon Tennis Assistant Coach - CHS

Joseph Guinan Girls' Volleyball Head Coach JV CHS

Sherri Heard Girls' Volleyball Assistant Coach - CHS

John Lopes Boys' Soccer Head Coach - CHS

Sergio DaCosta Boys' Soccer Assistant Coach - CHS

Mark Primiano Girls' Soccer Head Coach - CHS

Christopher Skurka Football Head Coach - CHS

Paul Murphy Football Assistant Coach - CHS

Collin Smith Football Assistant Coach - CHS

Mary Barriere Football Cheerleading Coach/Advisor JV CHS

Mr. Pearson made a motion to approve all of the above coaching positions, 2nd by Mrs. Beaulieu, approved 7-0.

Mr. Geiselman stated that all coaches must complete a course on

concussions, he added that several had already completed this course.

Winter Coaches 2010-2011

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of the following coaching positions for the 2010-2011 school year.

Debra Engels Girls' Basketball Head Coach - CHS

Timothy Carpentier Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach - CHS

Joyce Bonner Girls' Indoor Track Head Coach - CHS

Christopher Fernandes Girls' Indoor Track Assistant Coach - CHS

Bruce Calvert Boys' & Girls Swim Coach - CHS

Gary Reedy Boys' Basketball Head Coach -CHS

Collin Geiselman Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach - CHS

Mary Barriere Basketball Cheerleading Coach/Advisor- CHS

Mark Andreozzi Boys' Hockey Head Coach - CHS

Jonathan Paquin Boys' Hockey Assistant Coach - CHS

Tom Kenwood Boys' Indoor Track Head Coach - CHS

Christopher Skurka Boys' Indoor Track Assistant Coach - CHS

Steve Gordon Boy's Wrestling Head Coach - CHS

Jerred Dean Boys' Wrestling Assistant Coach jV CHS

Mr. Pearson made a motion to approve the above coaches, 2nd by Mr. Pedro and Mr. Mutter, approved 7-0.

Spring Coaches 2010-2011

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of the following coaching positions for the 2010 ÷ 2011 school year.

Martin Crowley Girls' Softball Head Coach ÷ CHS

Christopher Fernandes Girls' Outdoor Track Head Coach ÷ CHS

Vanessa Molloy Girls' Outdoor Track Assistant Coach ÷ CHS

Scott Carpenter Girls' Lacrosse Head Coach ÷ CHS

Paul Murphy Boys' Baseball Head Coach ÷ CHS

Matthew Grochowski Boys' Baseball Assistant Coach ÷ CHS

Tom Kenwood Boys' Outdoor Track Head Coach ÷ CHS

Christopher Skurka Boys' Outdoor Track Assistant Coach ÷ CHS

James Dickenson Boys' Golf Head Coach ÷ CHS

John Jasionowski Boys' Tennis Head Coach ÷ CHS

Linda Deacon Boys' Tennis Assistant Coach ÷ CHS

Mrs. Beaulieu made a motion to approve the above coaches, 2nd by Mr. Pearson, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #12 - Comments from the Public

No comments at this time.

Agenda Item #13 ÷ School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports)

No reports at this time.

Agenda Item #14 ÷ Mr. Costa announced that there would be no

Executive Session, Mr. Rotella agreed, Mr. Pearson made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Mrs. Beaulieu, approved 7-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony